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SIGINT REFLECTION OF A MACSOG GROUND OPERATION IN THE PRAIRIE

FIRE AREA OF OPERATION

1. THE TRANSLATION OF AN 8 AUGUST MESSAGE INTERCEPTED BY USN-414

FROM THE 559TH TRANSPORTATION GROUP TO BINH TRAM 34 AND WHICH

WAS LATER RETRANSMITTED BY THAT ENTITY TO HIS SUBORDINATE REAR

SERVICE ELEMENTS, IS A REFLECTION OF MACSOG RECONNAISSANCE TEAMS

OPERATING IN THE PRAIRIE FIRE TARGET AREA NOVEMBER-THREE (YD

003 115).

2. THE MESSAGE STATED QUOTE: ACCORDING TO A COMMUNIQUE OF

GROUP (559TH TRANSPORTATION GROUP), AT 1535G, ON 06 AUGUST,

THERE WERE 2 GROUPS OF RAIDERS CONSISTING OF 3 AMERICANS, 3

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, AND 15 OTHERS FROM QUANG VANG

(XD 992 082) DOWN TO A POINT 3 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF

HIGHPOINT 1362 (XD 992 082) AT COORDINATES 12-96,2 (POSSIBLE

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~~CLASSIFIED~~ WAS TO EXPLORE THE AREA AND CAPTURE SOME OF OUR MEN TO OBTAIN
~~CLASSIFIED~~ INFORMATION. THE BINH TRAM INSTRUCTED THE FORWARD HEADQUARTERS
~~CLASSIFIED~~ TO APPOINT A MAIN ELEMENT, AND 2 CELLS CONSISTING OF HEALTHY
~~CLASSIFIED~~ GUERRILLA SOLDIERS ((5GRG)) OF THE CADRE AND MILITIA TO
~~CLASSIFIED~~ ((3GRG)) AND MEN TO LEAD THE WAY TO SEARCH FOR AND CAPTURE THIS
~~CLASSIFIED~~ BAND. INFORM ALL UNITS NEAR THERE OF THIS, ESPECIALLY
~~CLASSIFIED~~ T-223 (UNLOCATED, LAO SALIENT) AND T-224 (UNLOCATED, LAO SALIENT),
~~CLASSIFIED~~ AND TRAVELERS GOING ON THAT SECTION OF THE ROAD. WATCH OUT FOR
~~CLASSIFIED~~ ENEMY AMBUSHES, AND GO OUT TO ORGANIZE THE CAPTURE ACCORDING TO
~~CLASSIFIED~~ ((4GRG)) ORGANIZE THE TROOP MOVEMENTS ON THE ROAD CAREFULLY AND
~~CLASSIFIED~~ IT IS IMPORTANT ((2GRG)) TO SEE HOW B-14'S (UNLOCATED) METHODS
~~CLASSIFIED~~ OF DEALING WITH THIS IN THAT AREA ARE. THANKS TO THEIR HELP,
~~CLASSIFIED~~ THIS ORDER CAN BE CARRIED OUT. UPON FINISHING, REPORT BACK
~~CLASSIFIED~~ IMMEDIATELY AND LET ME KNOW. UNQUOTE.

(USMB03 2/G11/VCM/T6907-69)

~~CLASSIFIED~~ 3. AT 060934Z AUGUST 69, TWO RECON TEAMS CONSISTING OF FIVE
~~CLASSIFIED~~ AMERICAN AND 15 INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL WERE INSERTED INTO THE
~~CLASSIFIED~~ PRAIRIE FIRE TARGET AREA AT XD 981 110. THE TEAMS MOVED TO THE
~~CLASSIFIED~~ VICINITY OF XD 983 107 AND AT 081040Z REPORTED AN ESTIMATED
~~CLASSIFIED~~ TWO ENEMY PLATOONS 360 DEGREES 100 METERS FROM THEIR POSITION.
~~CLASSIFIED~~ TAC AIR AND HELO GUNSHIPS WERE EMPLOYED AND EXFILTRATION

OPERATIONS INITIATED. THE TEAMS WERE EXTRACTED UNDER FIRE

FROM XD 982 109 AT 090927Z WITHOUT CASUALTY TO TEAM MEMBERS.

DURING EXTRACTION OPERATIONS ONE HELO GUNSHIP WAS SHOT DOWN WITH

TWO MEMBERS OF A FOUR MAN CREW KIA AND 2 RESCUED.

4. IN VIEW OF THE CORRESPONDING TIMES, PERSONNEL TOTALS AND

IDENTITIES IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THE ABOVE TRANSLATION IS A

VALID SIGINT REFLECTION OF THE MACSOG RECON TEAMS

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